

MODERN PIER AT ONCE, HULBERT URGES IN REPORT

Commissioner of Docks Officially Voices Demand of Evening World.

NONE WIDER SINCE '74.

Proposes Number Be Reduced So Needed Width May Be Obtained.

Recommendations for immediate modernization of Manhattan's antiquated dock system, made recently in The Evening World's articles on "Wake up, New York," in the report of Murray Hulbert, Commissioner of Docks, made public today.

Mr. Hulbert's report is the first official admission by the City Administration of the obvious neglect of natural advantages which threaten to drive ocean shipping away from New York. Mr. Hulbert makes the amazing statement that nothing has been done to provide for increasing width of ships using the piers on the lower North River since 1871.

"Although the piers have been lengthened slip by slip, there has been no widening of the slips," says Commissioner Hulbert. "But as ships have increased in length, they have proportionately increased in beam, so it is obvious that a ship unloading on one side of a dock with the necessary complement of lighters and coal barges, must necessarily so block up the slip as to render useless the berth at the pier on the opposite side of the slip."

"Thus the piers erected under the Gen. McClellan (1871) plan have become, in effect, one-sided piers and wharfage space has decreased accordingly."

"As the vessels increased in length and beam, so also did their cargo carrying capacity increase, and since the width of the piers did not change, these large cargoes, no longer finding space on the piers, were compelled to find accommodations on the marginal street or 'farm'; this with the incidental trucking has caused the abominable conditions of congestion with which every citizen of New York is familiar. This condition causes untold delay and expense, which is passed on to the ultimate consumer, and is one of the direct causes of the higher cost of living that is experienced in other cities as well as New York."

Commissioner Hulbert proposes to cut down the number of piers between Vesey and Ferry Streets, Piers Nos. 15 to 47, inclusive, from twenty-two to eighteen, which in effect will produce four more berthing spaces than the present thirty-two piers can afford under modern conditions. He advises the modern appliances which The Evening World urged as essential to keep New York's supremacy. Comparison of the present and the proposed dimensions show the average width of the present slips is 157.6 feet, proposed, 282 feet. Average width of present docks, 45.2; proposed, 130.5. The storage area of the existing piers is 1,288,000 square feet; the proposed piers would have 1,945,000 square feet. Expiration of leases and delapidation of piers requiring prompt action make the vicinity of Canal Street the best place for an immediate start, in Mr. Hulbert's opinion.

The increase possible by full utilization of bulkhead in the district referred to is a demonstration of what this city can provide in the way of docking facilities if the entire waterfront is so equipped as to get a maximum of efficiency.

Location of terminal markets on the Harlem River in Manhattan and the Bronx will be considered as soon as the work of removing obstructions at the Johnson Iron Works and High Bridge is started, Mr. Hulbert states. A study is being made to improve facilities for handling produce along the lower North River front.

The new piers at Staten Island, the report promises, will be equipped with many of the labor saving devices for which there is a crying need at all of New York's piers, to make this a "machine power" instead of a "man power" port, where loading and unloading depends almost entirely upon muscle instead of steam.

ASPIRED TO BE HUMAN FLY.

The human fly aspiration of ten-year-old Julius Munter of No. 1706 Fulton Avenue, the Bronx, ended in a trip to Fordham Hospital last yesterday with a fractured skull.

The boy climbed over an eight-foot iron picket fence surrounding Public School No. 4 at No. 1706 Jackson Avenue, and started to scale the side of the school house.

Failures Over Nation Smaller Than

A survey of business failures in the six months ending June 30 last has led the Merchants' Association to issue a statement pointing out that "although the total number of insolventcies in this country in the half year was smaller than for any corresponding period since 1881, the aggregate amount of liabilities was larger than it has been during several recent years."

BID BOY VOYAGE TO U. S. TEAM OFF TO OLYMPIC GAMES

Crowd Attends Farewell to Athletes — "Kiddie Klub" Honors One of Its Members.

Two balconies and the entire orchestra of the Manhattan Opera House were filled to-day with the crowd which had gathered to say goodbye and good luck to the American Olympic team, which is to sail from Hoboken late this afternoon on the United States Transport Princess Matlock for the great games at Antwerp. The team is composed of 103 track and field men, 48 swimmers, 24 wrestlers, 22 boxers, 20 fencers and 2 bicycle riders.

The greatest interest centered about the young women swimmers who are hopeful of coming home crowned with laurels. The youngest of all these carefully selected champions is little Allen Riggan, a fourteen-year-old member of The Evening World's "Kiddie Klub." She is a high and fancy diver. When she appeared on the stage, twenty-six members of the Kiddie Klub Glee Club gathered around her and sang the club song. Also a traveling bag, a bathing suit and \$25 in gold to spend in Paris was presented to her by the club. Not the least distinction awarded her was the recitation of a poem in her honor by a club mate, Doris Raynsford.

Among the other women who seek national honors in the team are Ethelinda Riggan, Helen Wainwright, Charlotte Boyle and Alice Lord and from the time they entered the building the photographers were at them every minute.

Messages of congratulation and good wishes from prominent men all over the country were read from the stage. Among them was one from Mayor Hylan, in which he said "Bon voyage" and mentioned his great expectation that all would return victorious. Telegrams were received from Representative Julius Kahn, Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee, and from the Governors of Colorado, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Kansas, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Texas, Illinois, New Jersey and New York. The Governor of Hawaii sent the Hawaiian "aloha."

At the close of the ceremonies, Gustavus Kirby, President of the Olympic Games Commission, made a farewell speech and while the band played the "Star Spangled Banner," the audience cheered the athletes. Then the athletes formed into marching order outside the theatre and, headed by Pat McDonald, the "Big Babe" of Times Square, champion in two Olympic events, carrying the American flag, marched to the steamer, accompanied by the military band from Fort Slocum.

Kirby said that every one of the 247 athletes on the team would go to Antwerp, as he had received sufficient funds to insure this, but added that \$23,000 more would be needed for expenses which were sure to arise. Philadelphia, he continued, was the only city which had not contributed. He declared that as the army had not furnished adequate mounts the army polo team was not so well equipped as it might have been, but would give a good account of itself nevertheless.

There was a report among the athletes assembled in the opera house that the army authorities had assigned the civilian members of the team to quarters below decks on the transport, while the army athletes, army officers and officers of the transport had appropriated all the comfortable cabins. This rumor produced much dissatisfaction, as the below-decks quarters were cramped, it was said, and there would be little opportunity for exercise.

One of the officers, discussing the criticisms made by the champions, said that while it was true they would be given berths below deck, each one had been assigned as much room as three soldiers occupied when the ship was used for transport purposes. Carpets had been laid in the berth room and extra chairs placed there for each occupant. The decks will be free to the athletes at all times for exercise and the men will not be expected to go to their berths except to sleep, the officer said.

A special staff of cooks will supply the needs, however delicate, of the athletes on the trip over. Diet regulations prescribed by trainers will be enforced strictly.

An army officer explained that, in addition to the Olympic Committee and the personnel officers of the army attached to the expedition, the Princess Matlock carries a number of army officers who are going abroad on special duty. Their quarters cannot be interfered with, he said.

There will be no discrimination at meal times, the officer added. Meals will be served in the first cabin. The Champions and the army officers, including the members of the team selected from army ranks, will dine together, with no special regard to the seating.

Jail for Agitator Who Injures Property.

Please for clemency from four employers of David Friedman of No. 323 Jerome Street, Brooklyn, were refused by County Judge May in Brooklyn today, who sentenced the prisoner to four years in jail for injuring property. The court said the case was not one of the labor union type, but one in which Friedman was sent to prison for furniture work and poured acid over the different places. Judge May said his record showed that he was a dangerous agitator.

Mermaids Who Represent U. S. at Olympic Games and 13-Year-Old Diving Champion, Member of Team

The above photographs showing the mermaids who will represent the United States at the Olympic games were taken at Manhattan Beach, where they appeared in their last swimming tournament before sailing



ELEANOR UHL, HELEN MOSES, HELEN WAINWRIGHT, ETHELDA RIGGAN, MARGARET WOODBRIDGE, CHARLOTTE BOYLE, CARROLL SCHROTH, IRIS GUEST

for Antwerp. Miss Allen Riggan, thirteen-year-old diving champion and member of the team which will represent the United States in the Olympic games at Antwerp, was the chief attraction at the aquatic meet held in honor of the departing team.

FIGHT TO OPERATE JITNEYS IN JERSEY BEGINS IN COURT

Decision Reserved on Motion to Dismiss Suit of Public Service Corporation.

The fight for the right to operate buses and jitneys in New Jersey started today when Meyer Cohen, a jitney owner of Bayonne and Jersey City, as co-defendant, was represented by counsel before Vice Chancellor Griffin in Jersey City, to combat the efforts of the Public Service Corporation of New Jersey to bar jitneys from the streets.

The case against Cohen is a test case in which every jitney driver in the State is interested. Former Vice Chancellor Merritt Lane has been retained to represent their interests. Jersey City was represented by Corporation Counsel John Milton, the city of Newark by Assistant Corporation Counsel Jerome Conleton, and the Public Service Corporation by Frank Milton.

In the bill of complaint filed by the Public Service Corporation it was alleged that jitney owners have been violating the Kates Law, which provides that all operations of jitneys shall file bonds of \$3,000 with the municipality in which they operate, and shall pay to the treasury of the municipality 5 per cent. of their earnings.

It was claimed that the jitneys constitute an unlawful competition, as they impeded the progress of trolley cars by blocking the tracks.

Mr. Lane moved the dismissal of the complaint on the ground that the Public Service Corporation's Railway has no interest in preventing the operation of jitneys, inasmuch as the Public Service franchise given to the corporation carries merely the right to lay tracks and operate trolley cars, and does not give the corporation the sole right to use the streets. Decision was reserved on Mr. Lane's motion.

NABS 3 ALLEGED BURGLARS.

Staten Island Accuses Trio of Attempted \$5,000 Theft.

With drawn revolver, Patrolman Johnson frustrated an alleged attempt by three men to make off in a moving van with automobile tires valued at \$5,000 from the garage of William Schenck, Cove Road, Staten Island, early today. He arrested the men who later were held in \$5,000 bail each for examination to-morrow by Magistrate Crook in New Brighton Court.

The men, described as James A. Michael, Santo, twenty-seven, No. 447 First Avenue; Joseph Senfor, twenty-six, No. 112 West 12th Street; and Benner, twenty-eight, No. 1038 First Avenue, all of Manhattan.

Got Too Much Digitals — Sues for Damages.

Justice Cropley in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, to-day dismissed an order for a physical examination of Herman Rubel of No. 1687 St. John's Place before the trial of his suit against Abraham Melman, a druggist of No. 1137 St. John's Place, for \$5,000 alleged damages. Rubel's complaint alleges that while suffering from indigestion he had a prescription calling for fifteen drops of digitals every four hours filled by Melman and that the latter's lack of care in giving him the medicine caused him to suffer from indigestion during the resultant illness. He admits he now is recovered fully.

Seven Killed in Macaroni Riot.

ROME, July 25.—Seven persons were killed and several wounded to-day at a macaroni, a small town in the Province of Catania, when 500 peasants forced their way into the municipal offices because of dissatisfaction with the distribution of macaroni. The deaths occurred when the rioting was suppressed by the authorities.

Pershing May Visit Brazil.

RIO JANEIRO, Brazil, July 24.—Gen. Pershing, according to reports in Government circles here to-day, probably will visit Brazil in the near future. His coming will be in return for the visit of President Pessoa to the United States.

BROADWAY CROWD SEES 60 FAMILIES ROUTED BY BLAZE

Elevator Boy Sticks to Post and Aids Half Dozen Tenants Flee Twelve-Story House.

Sixty families were routed from their beds in the twelve-story Pasadena apartment house, at No. 10 West 61st Street, early to-day by fire on the twelfth floor and fled to the street half clad. Oscar Scott, the elevator boy, stuck to his post and made several trips, carrying the occupants to the ground floor.

The fire was first noticed by a tenant named Fuller, who traced smoke to the dining room of Dr. H. Haubold. He roused the physician and his family, then sent the alarm to the other tenants throughout the house.

The early morning call of fire caused considerable alarm to the sleeping tenants, and a large crowd had gathered when the fire apparatus arrived shortly after the alarm was turned in. The damage was estimated at about \$2,000, mostly by smoke and water. The fire was confined to the upper floors on which it started. Some of the tenants escaped the balance of the night in hotels.

EAST SIDE BOOZE FAILS TO KILL HIM

Lovesick Printer Tries to "End All" and at the Hospital They Say He's Going to Be Dry.

Owing to a jarring note in the song of love, Hyman Armus, a printer, of No. 287 East 10th Street, tried to end it all this morning by drinking dry. Time, however, the strange thing about him is that it did not kill him although it was of pure east side concoction.

Miss Fannie Patterson of No. 127 Broome Street told reporters to-day that she and Armus had gone together until recently. They disagreed but he persisted in his intentions and this morning at 7 o'clock he came to her door. She refused him entrance. He then drank the whiskey and fell to the floor. He was taken to the hospital where he would pull around all right but would flag the Broome Street booze forever.

20,000 SEE BROADWAY BLAZE

Electric Cigarette Sign Furnishes Pyrotechnic Display.

On the three-story building at the northwest corner of Broadway and 42nd Street is a large electric sign advertising cigarettes. Prominently displayed is the statement, "They're toasted." That's the literal truth since a cigarette was lit at that time the sign caught fire and was so severely "toasted" that it will not advertise cigarettes for several days.

Defective insulation caused the blaze, and there was a pyrotechnic display that could be seen for many blocks. A crowd of 20,000 gathered and Broadway traffic was stopped for ten minutes.

HOLD TWO AS GAMBLERS.

Reid on Crap Game Netted Twenty-Five Men — 23 Paroled.

Magistrate Menahan in Morrisania Court yesterday held Henry Bohman, thirty-two, of No. 287 East 125th Street, and Harry Clark, twenty-eight, of No. 240 West 114th Street, in \$500 each for examination to-morrow on a charge of keeping and maintaining a gambling house.

According to the police, a game of crap was in progress in Bohman's apartment at 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning when it was raided. Of twenty-seven persons in the place, twenty-five were arrested and twenty-three paroled until to-morrow.

Says Yank Piffner Was Too Speedy at the Wheel.

A star baseball hurler ought to confine his speed to the diamond, according to Motorcycle Patrolman George F. Bailey, who testified in Traffic Court to-day that he found Carl Maya, the Yankie pitcher, driving his automobile at thirty-five miles an hour yesterday, on 8th Avenue, between 127th and 128th Streets. He served Maya with a summons.

COPELAND STARTS VACCINATION DRIVE FOR QUEEN'S COUNTY

All Citizens Warned Against Smallpox and Can Be Vaccinated at Health Stations.

A campaign for the vaccination of all persons who have not been vaccinated within the last six or seven years was announced today by Health Commissioner Copeland as a safeguard against smallpox. He also warns that all children more than one year old should be vaccinated. Dr. Copeland, who has just returned from Europe, points out that nearly all of the countries of the Old World are overrun with typhus, cholera, smallpox and bubonic plague, and he feels that every precaution should be taken to safeguard the health of New York.

The Department of Health, he says, has on hand material for 25,000 vaccinations. The medical profession has been advised with all facilities for vaccination and every station of the Department of Health has a corps of assistants ready to serve the public at health stations in all boroughs from 3 A. M. until noon.

JEWISH ORPHANS GO TO NEW HOME

Two Hundred Transferred In Sight-Seeing Autos From St. Mark's Place to Yonkers.

Today is moving day for 200 Jewish orphans of the Hebrew National Orphan House, who this afternoon left their quarters at No. 52 St. Mark's Place for their new home at Yonkers. Jewish societies supporting them sent a number of sight-seeing automobiles so they could make this trip in comfort.

At the old east side quarters, accommodations were had for 134 children. Fifty more were in boarding houses. The organization, which started in 1914, has grown rapidly and is now nationally known in its scope. Its new quarters in Yonkers, on a 20-acre site, is the old German Odd Fellows home and will house 200 Jewish orphans.

A study course will be opened in English at the new home. This was made necessary by the arrival of children from Europe who do not speak English.

DISABLED SOLDIERS AT SARANAC STRIKE

Of 215 There 200 Vote to Disregard Order to Transfer Elsewhere.

SARANAC LAKE, N. Y., July 26.—Two hundred disabled soldiers undergoing treatment at the Home Saranac, here for tuberculosis contracted while in service to-day are on strike against the United States Public Health Service.

This action was taken upon receipt here of an order from the New York office of the Health Service directing that all disabled men be transferred to service sanatoriums in other sections of the country.

Of 315 disabled men here, 200 have voted to disregard the order. The 115 who have not voted are being held in the Home Saranac to combat the proposed move.

ROUGH BEAT UP POLICEMAN

Three Accused of Rowdiness Are Treated in Hospital.

Following participation in a drunken fight, fifteen merry-makers amused themselves in East 123d Street early to-day by removing coat-of-arms covers and overturning ash and garbage cans. In the midst of the merriment Patrolman Otto of the East 124th Street Station appeared, and the crowd turned from its other amusements to give him a beating. The Merry-makers were arrested and later arranged in Harlem Court charged with disorderly conduct.

They gave the names of Charles Hughes, No. 1647 Avenue C; Bayonne; John Freeman, Harrison, N. Y.; and Thomas Williams, No. 418 East 126th Street, Bronx. An additional charge of assault was made against Freeman. All were held without bail for a hearing to-morrow.

WANTS MORE POLICE FOR QUEEN'S COUNTY

Grand Jury Urges the Need and Enjoins Promises to Meet the Demand With Additional Men.

Police conditions in Queens are far from satisfactory to the Grand Jury of that county, and at its request Police Commissioner Knickerbocker appeared to-day before the body to hear its complaints and give his views. From the testimony adduced to the investigation of the attempted robbery of the Corona branch of the Bank of Manhattan Company the Grand Jury believe that there are not enough policemen in Queens and that their posts are too long to afford adequate protection.

Commissioner Knickerbocker had a conference with District Attorney O'Leary before the inquiry. After the conference he said: "We are in good shape here in Queens compared with 1917, when conditions were at their worst. By that time before the war and its aftermath, the police and detectives in Queens had been doing good work. They had been partially solved serious crimes such as attempted bank robberies and murders. The number of felonies in Queens has decreased. The Grand Jury is the expression of a desire to be helpful, and a small amount of help will do it."

When Commissioner Knickerbocker left the Grand Jury he said not a single policeman had been added to the force since 1914. He will ask the Board of Estimate for funds to increase this number by 650 available March 1, of which number Queens would get 72, making its total 816. He also wants an auto traffic signal there.

4 HURT IN UPSET OF 2 AUTOMOBILES

Mother and Girl Sent to Hospital When Three of Family Are Injured.

Four persons were hurt by the overturning of two automobiles in Brooklyn today. A car driven by Benjamin Levinson, capitalized in making the turn at Broadway and New York Avenue, since 1914. He will ask the Board of Estimate for funds to increase this number by 650 available March 1, of which number Queens would get 72, making its total 816. He also wants an auto traffic signal there.

LIQUOR SENTENCES CHANGED

Fines Instead of Imprisonment Imposed in Maxine Cafe Cases.

After considering the plea for leniency in the case Judge William H. Sheppard, sitting in the criminal branch of the Federal Court to-day, changed the jail sentences he imposed last week on four men alleged to have violated the Prohibition law at Maxine Hotel and Restaurant at No. 108 West 23d Street. The four men, a complaint against Joseph Keller, President and Proprietor of the company, were Michael, and Charles Lee, the court changed the sentences to fines of \$100 each. The fine of \$1,000 imposed on Keller was allowed to stand.

City Still Has Government Submarine Chaser.

Submarine Chaser No. 225, which was reported to have been bought by the City of New York, is still the property of the United States. Commissioner Grever A. Whelan of the Department of Public and Street Cleaning says that the boat is being loaned to his department by the Secretary of the Navy and that it may be recalled any day. It will be used, he says, in the inspection work of the department, which heretofore has been handicapped by want of means to get about the 12th mile of city water front.

NEW PLANS URGED FOR LAWS TO CURB PROFITS IN RENT

Mayor's Committee and Nathan Hirsch Ask for Special Session of Legislature.

A special session of the Legislature to provide emergency relief in the housing problem is urged in statements made public to-day by both the Mayor's Committee on Rent Profiteering, headed by A. J. W. Hilly and Nathan Hirsch, millionaire cotton manufacturer, philanthropist, and the former chairman of the Mayor's Committee who made that organization an effective aid to tenants.

The committee's recommendation is made in a report, urging that all income from real estate mortgages be exempted from income tax. By this means it is hoped to make mortgages a more attractive investment and make more money for home building available.

The committee also recommends that a Housing Commissioner be created under the city government, to issue all permits for building. It is pointed out that such an official, by refusing his sanction to business or theatrical construction, could make all materials and labor available for dwelling construction.

Mr. Hirsch's recommendations are made in a letter to State Senator Charles C. Lockwood, Chairman of the Joint Legislative Committee on Housing. Mr. Hirsch wrote to Senator Lockwood, pointing out that an injustice to a landlord becomes an injustice to the tenant, and that all laws on the subject should make the respective rights of landlord and tenant clear beyond a doubt.

Mr. Hirsch believes the city should not go into construction, but should provide a \$20,000,000 mortgage fund for dwelling construction.

This committee, he believes, should have power to issue mortgage investment certificates for sale to the public, to provide more funds for mortgage loans.

Mr. Hirsch suggests a method of arriving at a "reasonable rent," in which the difference between those who have urged that the investment, rather than increase the value of buildings in the present inflated market, should be used as a basis for rents. It has been argued that although the owner of a new building may be justified in demanding a high rent, a building under construction costs the owner of an old building not entitled to figure on "replacement value" under present conditions. In his letter Mr. Hirsch said in part:

"The way to arrive at how much rent a landlord can charge, or should charge, is not by asking him to extend 25 per cent. more one year and then another advance the next year, but by proceeding along the lines adopted by the United States Government. This is to find out what it would cost to reproduce the building, add to this the running expenses, taxes, etc., then add a sum for ordinary wear and tear, and finally a reasonable return on the amount of money invested should be permitted. This would be fair to both landlord and tenant."

PLAN FOR JERSEY STATE INCOME TAX

Levy on Business Profits Also Suggested to Replace Present Personal Property Tax.

TRENTON, N. J., July 26.—A recommendation in favor of levying State income and business profits tax as a substitute for those of the 1919 basis, which is held to be "unreasonable, unscientific and unadministrative," is made in the annual report of the New Jersey Tax Commission, submitted to-day to Gov. Edwards.

Other recommendations are for the appointment of local assessors, governing bodies, with tenure and adequate salaries, present assessors holding office for one year, the amount of land now exempted from taxation. The recommendations in general are those of the 1919 basis. The total value of property in the State to which tax rates are applied for 1920 was given as \$1,251,941,363.85, an increase of \$222,000,184.60 over 1919. This was the latest increase in value of property since 1907, and is attributed to the current high sales value of property.

It is the only county showing a decrease from last year. The decrease was \$7,167,787, and was due to the dismantling of a munitions plant operated by the Du Pont Company.

Key Testifies Get Another Allowance.

On testimony that the cost of living has outstripped their allowances and that they now have but a \$23.81 balance, Surgeon Cohalan to-day increased the allowance of Mrs. Elva Levy to \$10 a month and allowed \$40 a month each to her daughters—Minnie, Sadie, Augusta, Georgia and Hortense. The daughters live with their mother at No. 45 West 46th Street. Morton P. Levy, husband and father of the petitioner, cotton merchant, left \$1,000,000.

Robert Hickey, Gem Broker, Dead.

Funeral services will be held to-night at his home in Whitestone, Queens, for Robert Hickey, seventy, who died Saturday following an operation for cancer at Lenox Hill Hospital. For many years Mr. Hickey conducted a jewelry supply and brokerage business at No. 202 Broadway under the firm name of Thomas Morton & Co. He was born in Kilmarnock, Scotland, the son of the chief magistrate of that place. His wife and three daughters survive him.

JEALOUS WOMAN SAID TO HAVE SET HOUSE ON FIRE

Declared to Have Admitted to Fire Marshal She Wanted to Smoke Husband Out.

A woman's jealousy is ascribed as the motive for starting a fire in a four-story, six-family frame house at No. 2053 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, by Fire Marshal Brophy, whose investigation has closed with the arrest of Mrs. Adele Kruse of No. 215 Linwood Street. She has been held for examination before the Grand Jury on a charge of arson. The fire occurred early on the morning of July 7. Benzin was sprayed in the hallway of the second floor.

According to the Fire Marshal, he learned of the marital troubles of Mrs. Kruse and her husband, John H. Kruse, a confectioner, and from Mrs. Kruse got a full confession, in which she said she saw her husband accompany Mrs. Minnie Koehler to the Koehler apartment at midnight. She struck a match to light their passage away, she said. When they had gone, she declared she sprinkled benzin on the floor and struck a match to it. Her shoe caught fire and her foot burned, but she escaped.

"I didn't mean to hurt anyone. I just wanted to smoke my husband out," she stated in the confession according to the Fire Marshal.

Fire Marshal Brophy in his complaint further says Mrs. Kruse asserted: "My husband had twice put me in an asylum to get rid of me and Mrs. Koehler had me arrested for pulling her hair. She has broken up my home and she and my husband have broken apart. I wanted to frighten both of them."

The Kruses were married in 1912, according to the defendant's counsel. She worked in a hat store and at night did her household duties, even washing and ironing, until they became wealthy. Their troubles started when Mr. Kruse employed Mrs. Koehler. Mrs. Kruse is now suing for separation. She was granted temporary alimony of \$5 a week and \$300 counsel fees but the husband has appealed for a stay. His appeal will come up before Supreme Court Justice Squires to-morrow.

PATRIOTIC LEAGUE IS GRANTED CHARTER

Will Spread Knowledge of Constitution by Distributing Copies in Homes and Factories.

The application for a charter of the Constitutional League of America, Incorporated, as a membership corporation, was granted to-day by Supreme Court Justice McCordick. The league, whose membership includes many prominent citizens of New York, aims to "disseminate a wider knowledge of the Constitution of the United States, the principles upon which it was founded, and the ideas which inspired it."

It is intended to distribute copies of the Constitution, with explanatory notes and annotations, "voluntarily and not for profit," with a view to placing a copy of the Constitution in each of the 20,000,000 homes of America. Its use as a model for self-government in industrial plants and factories is encouraged by the distribution among such places of copies printed in English and translated into foreign languages. The directors under the league's annual meeting will be former Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane, Morgan S. O'Brien, Morgan S. O'Brien, Herbert H. Ramsell, Francis H. McCauley, Charles Evans Hughes, Cornelius W. Wickham, Herbert F. Bell, Jr., and William De Forest Menie.

BIG LIGHTS IN 34TH STREET.

Installation Begins To-Day; Celebration To-Morrow Night.

As a result of a business men's campaign lasting many months, installation of big double lighting fixtures of the style scarcely used on Fifth Avenue. The new fixtures will give 34th Street a 50 per cent. increase in light. The installation is expected to be completed by to-morrow night, when a celebration is to be held. Following the placing of the improved lighting system on 34th Street, similar fixtures are to be installed in sections of Seventh